

VOTE - Voter Outreach Through Education  
Washington Secretary of State

**WASHINGTON STATE CURRICULUM GRADES 8-12  
TEACHER EALRS, LESSON 6**

**THEME: MAKING YOUR POINT; ASKING YOUR QUESTION**

State Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs) to which this lesson relates:

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

- 2.1 Understand and use interpersonal and group process skills required by citizens in a democratic society.
- 3.1 Understand and apply critical thinking and problem solving skills to make informed and reasoned decisions.

**CIVICS:**

- 1. The student understands and can explain the core values and democratic principles of the United States as set forth in foundational documents, including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.
- 4. The student understands the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and the principles of democratic civic involvement.

**COMMUNICATION:**

- 1. The student uses listening and observation skills to gain understanding.
- 2. The student communicates ideas clearly and effectively.
- 3. The student uses communication strategies and skills to work effectively with others.
- 4. The student analyzes and evaluates the effectiveness of formal and informal communication.

**READING:**

- 1. The student understands and uses different skills and strategies to read.
- 2. The student understands the meaning of what is read.
- 3. The student reads different materials for a variety of purposes.

**WRITING:**

- 1. The student writes clearly and effectively.
- 2. The student writes in a variety of forms for different audiences and purposes.
- 3. The student understands and uses the steps of the writing process.
- 4. The student analyzes and evaluates the effectiveness of written work.